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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Bureau of Aeronautics

ATTENTION : Director of Production Division

SUBJECT : Request for Unit Cost of GPAS on the P2V Aircraft

REFERENCE : Conversation of 10 April 1959 between [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1  
25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] Director of Production Division, and  
Mr. [REDACTED] CIA 25X1A9a

1. This office is engaged in a continuing analysis of the Soviet defense budget in order to determine the Soviet capability to produce military end items. In developing a methodology for the costing of aircraft, an attempt is being made to determine the distribution of the total cost of an aircraft according to the following breakdown:

Airframe  
Engine  
Propeller  
Electronics  
Armament  
Instruments  
Other including safety of flight equipment

2. It is requested that you furnish us the unit cost of the Government Furnished Aircraft Equipment on the P2V-5 and P2V-7 according to the above breakdown. This request was discussed with [REDACTED] of the Production Division in the referenced conversation. The [REDACTED] GPAS costs are provided is also requested so that the cumulative number of aircraft to which these costs apply can be determined.

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